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SUBJECT: YOUR QUESTION ON ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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1. A FAIR QUESTION

2. THE ANSWER IS THAT THE OMISSION OF QUOTE YOUR UNQUOTE
COUP FROM ARA'S WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS CABLE WAS DUE TO THE
FACT THAT, THANK HEAVEN, THE COUP HAD NO IMPACT ON U.S.
INTERESTS IN ECUADOR OR GENERALLY IN THE HEMISPHERE. THE
HIGHLIGHTS CABLE IS BY AND LARGE LIMITED TO FRONT OFFICE
ACTIVITIES HERE IN WASHINGTON OF GENERAL SIGNIFICANCE AND
IS NOT DESIGNED TO REPEAT TO OTHER POSTS EVENTS IN ONE,
EVEN IF THOSE EVENTS ARE OF GREAT PROPORTION.

3. THE MENTION OF THE PERUVIAN COUP THE WEEK BEFORE WAS
INSPIRED BY THE NOTION, PERHAPS EVEN THE HOPE, THAT IT
MIGHT WELL ALTER THE EQUATION IN MARCONA, WITH CONSEQUENT
IMPACT ON THE QUESTION OF EXPROPRIATION AND THE CALVO
CLAUSE WHICH VEX OUR RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. KISSINGER

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